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SUBJECT: MTN REQUEST EXERCISE FOR HUNGARY: CONSUMER GOODS QUOTA

REF: A) STATE 155024, B) BUDAPEST 2535

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL A PARA 3 REQUEST FOR
FURTHER DETAILS ON HUNGARIAN QUOTA ON HARD-CURRENCY
CONSUMER GOODS IMPORTS, EMBOFFS DISCUSSED QUOTA WITH
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE LICENSING OFFICIAL IMRE
SOSOVICKA. MAIN FEATURES OF QUOTA AS DESCRIBED BY
SOSOVICKA REPORTED BELOW.

2. MINISTRY OF INTERNAL TRADE ANNUALLY PREPARES LIST
OF PRODUCTS TO BE IMPORTED FROM HARD CURRENCY COUNTRIES.
LIST BASED PRIMARILY ON INTERNAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND
SITUATION AND SUPPLY AVAILABILITIES FROM OTHER CEMA
COUNTRIES. AMOUNT OF QUOTA ALSO DEPENDS ON PROJECTED
FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITES. LIST AND QUOTA
(APPROX. \$83 MILLION IN 1978) ARE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS. QUOTA IS PREPARED ON ANNUAL BASIS AND
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SOSVICKA KNEW OF NO PROJECTION OF FUTURE LEVELS.

3. APPROVED LIST IS DISTRIBUTED TO CONSUMER GOODS-
IMPORTING FOREIGN TRADING ORGANIZATIONS (FTO'S) --
PRIMARILY KONSUMEX BUT ALSO HUNGAROTEX FOR TEXTILES AND
CLOTHING AND MONIMPEX FOR FOODS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO
PRODUCTS. FTO'S FULFILL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH PRODUCT

ENTIRELY ON COMMERCIAL GROUNDS. SOSOVICKSKA INSISTED
THAT THE GOH GIVES THE FTO'S NO GUIDANCE ON WHERE TO
PURCHASE CONSUMER GOODS UNDER QUOTA. PURCHASES FROM
COUNTRIES WITH WHOM HUNGARY HAS BILATERAL CLEARING
ACCOUNTS ARE NOT INCLUDED UNDER THE QUOTA; QUOTA
APPLIES ONLY TO GOODS FOR WHICH PAYMENT IS MADE IN HARD CURRENCY.

4. ROLE OF MFT LICENSING OFFICE IS LIMITED; LICENSING
OFFICIALS ENSURE THAT FTO'S HAVE MADE ADEQUATE EFFORT
TO OBTAIN COMPETING OFFERS AND THAT QUANTITIES PURCHASED
DO NOT EXCEED QUOTA.
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